

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 171

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to congratulate John and Belle Elkins on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 1953, John Elkins and Belle Templeton were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Elkins have been highly respected citizens of their community for over sixty years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the United States Air for twenty years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the Air Force, Mr. Elkins served sixteen years at TRW and twelve years at the Hawkins County Recycle Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elkins worked at Free Service Tire for twenty-one years and at Hale Springs Inn for seven years; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Elkins children are Steve and Beverly; and

WHEREAS, the Elkins are also the proud grandparents of two grandchildren, Katie and Dawn; and two great-grandchildren, Kendra and Natalie; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Elkins' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate John and Belle Elkins on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.